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To: Examiner of the Patent Office

1. Identification of the International Application

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5. Comment

This is to comment on the Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority mailed to the applicant on May 31, 2005. On the same day as filing of this reply, the applicant has filed a request for International Preliminary Examination.

In view of the Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority, the applicant has amended the claims with the amendment letter which has also been filed on the same day. Specifically, claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 2, and claim 4 has been rewritten in an independent form. Similarly, claim 6 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 7, and claim 9 has been rewritten in an independent form.

The applicant submits that the present inventions as defined in the amended claims are patentably distinct from the cited art.

Accordingly, applicant believes that the present inventions are patentably distinct from the cited art.